

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of the claims replaces all versions of previous claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for establishing a healthy bacterial flora in females throughout life, comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a first probiotic *Lactobacillus iners* and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is administered orally or vaginally, and administering a therapeutically effective amount of a second probiotic organism.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim claim 1, wherein said bacterial flora is gastrointestinal or urogenital flora.

3. - 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim claim [4] 1, wherein said second probiotic organism is a *Lactobacillus* selected from the group consisting of *L. rhamnosus*, *L. acidophilus*, *L. fermentum*, *L. casei*, *L. reuteri*, *L. crispatus*, *L. plantarum*, *L. paracasei*, *L. jensenii*, *L. gasseri*, *L. cellobiosis*, *L. brevis*, *L. delbrueckii*, *L. helveticus*, *L. salivarius*, *L. collinoides*, *L. buchneri*, *L. rogosae*, or *L. bifidum*.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim claim [4] 1, wherein a prebiotic is administered in conjunction with the second probiotic organism.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method for maintaining a healthy urogenital flora in females prior to, during and after pregnancy, comprising orally administering an effective amount of a first probiotic *Lactobacillus iners*,and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a second probiotic organism.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim~~ claim [[10]] 2, wherein said second probiotic organism is a *Lactobacillus* selected from the group consisting of *L. rhamnosus*, *L. acidophilus*, *L. fermentum*, *L. casei*, *L. reuteri*, *L. crispatus*, *L. plantarum*, *L. paracasei*, *L. jensenii*, *L. gasseri*, *L. cellobiosis*, *L. brevis*, *L. delbrueckii*, *L. helveticus*, *L. salivarius*, *L. collinoides*, *L. buchneri*, *L. rogosae*, or *L. bifidum*.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for restoring healthy urogenital flora in females in need thereof comprising administering an effective amount of a first probiotic, *Lactobacillus iners* isolated from said female and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is administered orally or vaginally, and a second probiotic organism.

14.-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim~~ claim 7, wherein said prebiotic is inulin.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~Claim~~ claim 7, wherein said prebiotic is fructo-oligosaccharides or milk.

19.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is *Lactobacillus iners* Y16329.

22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is *Lactobacillus iners* CCP-1.

23. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is *Lactobacillus iners* Y16329.

24. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is *Lactobacillus iners* CCP-1.

25. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is *Lactobacillus iners* Y16329.

26. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein said *Lactobacillus iners* is *Lactobacillus iners* CCP-1.